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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Personnel**

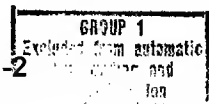
**SUBJECT : Retiree Travel Benefits for CSRS Participants**

1. The question has been presented as to the retirement travel and transportation benefits which may be authorized with respect to the members of the family of a female CSRS participant. Specifically, may travel and transportation expenses for the husband of such a participant be approved? And may household effects be shipped in family amounts or in single-person amounts?

2. The recent authorization for travel and transportation expenses for retirees under the Civil Service system gives those retirees the same benefits now authorized for CIARDS retirees by HR ☐ That regulation provides, in paragraph 2, that it applies "to all Agency personnel and their dependents unless otherwise specified." HR ☐ provides that "when an employee is transferred from one domestic post to another, his dependents are as set forth in section 1.2 of attachment 3." Section 1.2 does not specifically define dependents, but it does define "immediate family" as including the spouse of an employee. We believe this definition must be understood as the intended definition of dependents in the case of domestic transfers. Additionally, although that definition is to apply in the case of transfers from one domestic "post" to another and a place of residence after retirement technically is not a "post," we believe that for purpose of retiree travel, the place of residence after retirement must be considered a post. In view of these several provisions, the first question above is answered in the affirmative.

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As to the second question, household effects may be shipped in amounts prescribed for family travel (HR )

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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

**SUBJECT : Retiree Travel Benefits for CSRS Participants**

**REFERENCE: Memo dtd 23 Jun 70 to DDS fr General Counsel**  
**Subj: Administrative Adoption of Statutory Benefits**

1. This morning I asked [ ] for a ruling on the extent to which the Agency might pick up travel and household moving costs for a female retiring under the CSRS whose husband is not an Agency employee.

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2. [ ] conferred with Mr. John S. Warner, Deputy General Counsel, and the ruling given is that unless the female employee under the circumstances given has as her legal dependent her husband or other dependents, she would be authorized only travel costs for herself and shipment of household effects in the amount specified for an employee when no family is authorized to travel.

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